

MICHAEL DOYLE, one of the popular and intelligent farmers and stockmen of Wasco county, dwells about seven miles out from The Dalles, on Chenoweth creek, where he has a fine estate and a large band of cattle. He was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on June 23, 1842, the son of Patrick and Eleanor (Graham) Doyle. The father was born in Pennsylvania and his father was a native of Ireland, while his mother was a Welsh woman. The mother of our subject was also born in Pennsylvania, she, her husband, and Michael, our subject, were all natives of Franklin county. Her parents came from Scotland and her father fought in the Revolution. He was David N. Graham, from the old Highland clan of Graham. Our subject's father and mother died in Illinois, in 1879 and 1883, respectively. In March, 1878, Michael Doyle landed in Oregon. When eleven he had migrated from his native state to Illinois with his parents. There he obtained a good education and for several years he taught school. When he came to Oregon, he gave his attention to farming, taking a homestead where he now resides. He operated a dairy of forty cows until recently, and now he devotes his entire attention to raising cattle. He winters about one hundred and fifty head usually.

In October, 1867, at Geneseo, Illinois, Mr. Doyle married Miss Sylinda Beers. Her father, George F. Beers, was born in New Jersey, October 11, 1824, married Miss Mary E. Roberts, on April 16, 1846, and in 1878 came to The Dalles. He was a substantial man, held many positions of trust, and died in The Dalles, in 1893. He was universally mourned, and the entire business of The Dalles was closed during the afternoon of his funeral. He was prominent in church circles and in Sunday school work and did a world of good by his faithful and conscientious labors. His widow resides in The Dalles. Her father, John Roberts, died November 18, 1878, aged seventy-nine. He had married Susanna Gates, and during his life had labored faithfully in the Master's work, and went to rest sustained and soothed by the faith of the true Christian. He had previously commended his children to his heavenly Father, and his only regret was to leave his beloved companion.

Mr. Doyle has the following named brothers and sisters: John, who died in Andersonville prison, a member of Company I, One Hundred and Twelfth Illinois Infantry; William; Mrs. Nellie VanWinkle; Mrs. Evaline Lewis, Mary and Rebecca, deceased. Mrs. Doyle has one brother, David, and two sisters, Permelia Thomas and Elizabeth Joles, deceased. Mrs. Doyle's parents came to this country with the Joles family and were pioneers. Her father was with Samuel Brooks for ten years, the firm being Brooks & Beers, general merchants, and they conducted the feed yard now owned by Smith & Allen. He was for many years city marshall of The Dalles and was a prominent citizen until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle have five children, named as follows: Ralph E. and Charles H., both at home; Mary E., the wife of A.Y. Marsh, mentioned in this work; Edna M., the wife of Adam Kauffman, of The Dalles; and Ina.

Mr. Doyle is a staunch Democrat and frequently in the conventions. He and Mr. Marquiss cut the logs and built the little log school house in district, No. 10. He has always shown a marked interest in building up the country and advancing educational interests. He was road supervisor for ten years.